



New England Carnivorous Plant Society

(www.NECPS.org)

August, 2013 Newsletter

This month's meeting will be held on
Saturday, August 10 at 12:30 PM, at:

Roger Williams Park Botanical Center

1000 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI

<http://www.providenceri.com/botanical-center/>

"The mission of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society shall be to share, to gain knowledge of, and to achieve expertise in all phases of growing, education, appreciation, and conservation of carnivorous plants in both culture and in native habitats."

President's Message

It's been a great run!

Since January 2003 when the NECPS was founded, it has been an amazing time for me. So many wonderful things have happened in my life thanks to the NECPS. So many wonderful and amazing people have crossed my path and I have had to chance to know many of them, share time with them. I have seen plants that I would never have dreamed of seeing firsthand, but for the members and others that brought them into the world.

And most importantly, I have learned a lot and grown as a person. Isn't that one of the most important parts of the society? That we all learn and grow as individuals? That we learn more about ourselves and develop lasting relationships with others? That we grow both as a group, and as individuals? While I have always said that we wanted to see more plants, grow more plants, and enlarge our collections, isn't personal growth always an important part of a society like ours?

I have always felt it is, and have always been proud to see how many of us have grown, so proud I have often spoken about it.

But as one of my favorite authors, Pema Chodron, said, change is inevitable. If you are not at ease with change you are not at ease with reality. I truly believe that, and so I am very at ease with the decision I have made.

I will not be the president of the NECPS for 2014. The NECPS will have a new president starting next year.

Many of you know I have had a lot of things going on in my world over the past couple of years. I will not dwell on them, but they have taken a lot of my time away from the society, and that is not fair to the group. Luckily, many others have stepped up and carried so much of the load. Others have seen what was going on, and stepped in and picked up the slack, and in most cases have done a better job than I could have. So, as I leave the Presidency of the NECPS, I leave the Society in good hands. I am sure the next president will do a wonderful job taking the NECPS to new places.

I never imagined that the NECPS would grow and become what it has become. It has been a huge part of my life for over 10 years, and I will continue to be involved an involved and active member (you can be sure of that!) Over those ten years I have given much to this society, but honestly, the NECPS and all of you

have given me back so much more. I cannot ever begin to thank all of you who have given so much to the Society, and to me. I have grown personally, and learned so much about life and myself. I wish the same for all who are members, have been members, or will be members in the future.

I humbly thank you all for the wonderful times I have had as the NECPS president, which would never have happened without you all. A sincere thank you to all of you, from me. It has been a wonderful ten plus years.

Thank you.

It has been a fantastic run. I thank you all so much. But the time has come to pass the torch to the next person. We will hold elections at the September show for a new President.

Namaste
John Phillip, Jr
NECPS Founder and President.

NECPS Program for August: Bog Cleanup and Show Planning
Saturday, August 10, 12:30 PM, RWPBC

This month, we will join together and clean up the NECPS bog at the Roger Williams Park Botanical center. If you wish to join us in this endeavor, be sure to bring some clothes that you wouldn't mind getting dirt on!

But even if you don't want to get your hands dirty, we would appreciate your input. Next month's annual show, a widely anticipated and celebrated event, needs to be better than ever, especially in the aftermath of the ICPS conference. We hope to get 1,000 attendees this year, and we need all the brainpower we can muster to gather ideas.

NECPS 2013 Event Calendar

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| August 10 | Bog cleanup and show planning |
| September 14 | Pre-show discussion and arrangements |
| September 28-29 | Annual NECPS Show |
| October 12 | Post-show reflection and self-evaluation |
| November 9 | (TBA) |
| December 14 | Holiday Social, Yankee Swap |

Meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at Roger Williams Botanical Gardens, 1000 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI. from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. Regular program segments include: Bog pruning, Speaker or workshop, silent auction, plant displays, refreshments, and informal social discussion.

Hello, observant readers! If you go to this month's meeting, find the newsletter editor (a blond-haired 20-year-old, wearing a blue shirt if I remember to) and say the code word "Ptolemy" for a special prize! Did you know that I can write anything I want in here?

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Library News

A copy of the NECPS Library policy is appended to this newsletter. Please contact Don Gallant (d.gallant89@gmail.com) to suggest books that should be purchased or if you have books to donate.

On the following page is the complete NECPS library listing.

NECPS Library Inventory

Updated 01/27/2013

| Title | Media | Author | Donated by |
|---|--------------|---|-------------------|
| Lost Worlds 2 DVD set | DVD | Redfern Natural History Productions Limited | John Phillip, Jr. |
| Carnivorous Plants of the World | Book | James and Patricia Pietropaolo | Shaun Montminy |
| Gardening with Carnivores | Book | Nick Romanowski | Shaun Montminy |
| Growing Carnivorous Plants | Book | Barry A. Rice | Shaun Montminy |
| cryptozoo crew | Magazine | allan gross & jerry carr | Dave Sackett |
| Pitcher Plants of the Americas (softcover) | Book | Stewart McPherson | Shaun Montminy |
| Pitcher Plants of the Americas (hardcover) | Book | Stewart McPherson | John Phillip, Jr. |
| The Nature and Properties of Soils | Book | Nyle C. Brady | Bob Rafka |
| ICPS Newsletters, multiple | Magazine | Random authors | Shaun Montminy |
| Venus Flytraps, Bladderworts, and Other Wild and Amazing Plants | Book | Monica Halpen, National Geographic Science Chapters | Black Jungle |
| ICPS Newsletters, Apr 1972 - Dec 2006 | CD | Random authors | Don Gallant |
| Little Shop of Horrors (DVD) | DVD | Warner Home Video | Shaun Montminy |
| The Curious World of Carnivorous Plants | Book | Wilhelm Barthlott, Stefan Porembski | Black Jungle |
| Death Trap (copy) | DVD | Nature | Shaun Montminy |
| Hungry Plants (grades 2-3) | Kids' book | Mary Batten, Step into Reading | Black Jungle |
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| Glistening Carnivores | Book | Stewart McPherson | Stewart McPherson |
| The Savage Garden | Book | Peter D ' Amato | Shaun Montminy |
| Lost Worlds of the Guiana Highlands | Book | Stewart McPherson | Stewart McPherson |
| Pitcher Plants of the Old World Volume One | Book | Stewart McPherson | Stewart McPherson |
| Pitcher Plants of the Old World Volume Two | Book | Stewart McPherson | Stewart McPherson |

New England Carnivorous Plant Society

An organization for the appreciation and enjoyment of carnivorous plants

Meeting dates and locations

Generally the society meets the second Saturday of each month at the greenhouses at the Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI at 12:30pm. Meetings are occasionally held at other locations. Visit the website for information on the next meeting and for travel directions:

<http://www.NECPS.org>



Membership

Regular, \$20/year
Family, \$25/year
Student (any age), \$10/year

For more information contact:
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Please fill out form below and submit with payment to Shaun Montminy, Membership Secretary.

New England Carnivorous Plant Society - Membership Application and Renewal Form

Check one of the following: Application for: New Membership Renewing Membership

Type of membership: Student Membership (\$10) Regular Membership (\$20) Family Membership (\$25)

Type of payment: Cash Check (Please make check payable to "New England Carnivorous Plant Society") Check number _____

Please print the following clearly:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Family names to be included and separated by semicolon ";" (if applying for family membership only):

Mail Address 1: _____

Mail Address 2: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the NECPS? _____

Would you be able to attend the RI meetings? No Yes Yes, but I need to carpool

All new members please be sure to inquire about our welcome packs as well as getting your temporary membership card

NECPS Library Policy

The loan period for all items including: books, magazines, and videos are 1 month with one renewal period. No renewals are allowed for books, magazines and videos on reserve.

All material will be stored at a secure location deemed by the library committee and confirmed by the Executive board.

Failure to bring back books within 2 months will result in loss of borrowing privileges!

Any member wishing to check out any NECPS library materials must present a valid membership number. Cards are not transferable. You are responsible for any materials checked out in your name.

NECPS library patrons may take out one (1) item, as they are willing to be responsible for. NECPS library patrons may sign up for one (1) additional book such that at the end of the meeting if no one has already signed up for the item you will be allotted to take that item for the duration until the next meeting. When there is a high demand for a particular item, there will be a limit of one (1) item per person. The only exception to the above rules are for approved functions by the Executive board that are sponsored by the NECPS may reserve any and all material providing a months notice is given to guarantee that material will be available.

The NECPS Library reserves the right to determine charges for lost or damaged materials and the right to deny borrowing privileges to anyone who has library materials overdue for more than two (2) months to the NECPS library or owes fines amounting to more than ten dollars (\$10.00) from the NECPS. The NECPS library also reserves the right to deny borrowing privileges to any parent or guardian whose child and/or children have the above delinquencies.

All material taken from the NECPS library is the responsibility of the NECPS library patrons. For one of a kind items NECPS library has the right to refrain from loaning the material and may keep it as a reference item to be viewed solely at meetings and functions.

Please be kind. Rewind the videos before returning them to the NECPS library. Patrons are responsible for damage to videos, so please be careful. Never leave the tape partially rewound as this can cause damage to the tape. Also, videocassettes and equipment are to be used at room temperature as extremes of heat and cold may damage the video or equipment. Also exposure to magnetic fields can cause erasure or distortion.

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